

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

SEVERE WEATHER/FLOODING

SITUATION REPORT # 15

1100 Hours 19 July 2006

New Information in Bold Italics

Next Situation Report will be distributed on Friday, 21 July, from the Joint Field Office. Future Virginia State Situation Reports will be issued in conjunction with Federal Emergency Management Agency Management Team Situation Reports.

SUMMARY

The combination of tropical moisture steered northward around a low pressure system near Florida and a stationary frontal boundary across the Mid-Atlantic and New England States led to substantial rainfall and flooding across portions of the Commonwealth beginning 23 June and successive severe weather systems have continued to impact the Commonwealth.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation:

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at ***Recovery Operations as activity transitions to the Joint Field Office. The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring weather reports and National Hurricane Center advisories on Tropical Storm Beryl*** and continues assessing totality of the event's impact across the Commonwealth.

State of Emergency:

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a Statewide Emergency on June 28, 2006 directing State Agencies to take all necessary actions to aid in the recovery from flooding, mudslides and potential tornadoes that have affected the Commonwealth since June 23, 2006. Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Declaration for Individual Assistance, Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation on 30 June for the counties of Alleghany, Arlington, Augusta, Bath, Botetourt, Dickenson, Fairfax, Highland, King George, Montgomery and Rockbridge and the independent cities of Alexandria and Salem.

President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 13 July due to damage resulting from severe storms, tornadoes and flooding during the period of 23 June to 6 July. The City of Alexandria, the Counties of Alleghany, Arlington, Bath, Dickenson, Fairfax, Highland, King George and Rockbridge were designated to receive Public Assistance along with State, Local Governments and certain private nonprofit organizations. All jurisdictions in the Commonwealth are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The request for Individual Assistance is pending further review.

Protective Actions:

Local Emergency Declarations:

City of Alexandria – 26 June

Botetourt County – 27 June

City of Salem – 27 June

Fairfax County – 27 June expired 7 July

Bath County – 14 July

WEATHER FORECAST

Forecast:

Hazardous Weather – No hazardous weather is forecast at this time.

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Wednesday, 19 July – Hot and humid in Central, East Central and Southeast Virginia with heat index values up to 101. Sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening. Daytime high temperatures in the upper 80's to mid 90's with hot and humid conditions in Central, East Central and Southeast Virginia with heat index values up to 101. Overnight lows from mid 60's to low 70's. Winds will be variable 5 to 10 mph and there is a 30% probability of precipitation.

Thursday, 20 July – Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening. Daytime high temperatures in the upper 80's to low 90's with hot and humid in Central, East Central and Southeast Virginia. Overnight lows from mid 60's to mid 70's. Winds will be variable 5 to 10 mph and there is a 30% probability of precipitation.

Friday, 21 July – Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Daytime high temperatures in the low 80's to low 90's with hot and humid conditions in Central, East Central and Southeast Virginia. Overnight lows from mid 60's to low 70's. Winds will be West-Southwest 5 to 15 mph and there is a 40% probability of precipitation.

OPERATIONS SECTION

State Warning Point:

Receiving Local Situation and Initial Damage Assessment Reports from localities and state agencies and ***monitoring National Hurricane Center advisories on Tropical Storm Beryl.***

Local Liaison:

Standing by to assist local governments and state agencies as requested. VDEM Region 6 Coordinator assisted Bath County Officials with Initial Damage Assessment on 14 July.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has confirmed two storm-related fatalities: one in Rockbridge County and the second in Alleghany County.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation:

Virginia Department of Transportation: As of 1000 hours 19 July, VDOT reported no Primary roads and 3 secondary roads closed.

ESF 12 – Energy:

Dominion Virginia Power: All storm related power system outages have been restored. .

Electric Cooperatives: All storm related power system outages have been restored.

RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:

<i>Locality</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Public*</i>
Albemarle County	\$25,000	\$175,000
Alexandria City	\$4,600,000	\$3,540,000
Alleghany County	N/A	\$46,000
Arlington County	\$6,000,000	\$6,970,000
Augusta County	\$500,000	\$341,000***

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Bath County	\$343,800	\$180,000
Bedford County	N/A	\$12,000
Botetourt County	\$342,065	\$313,900
Carroll County	N/A	\$15,000
Charlottesville City	\$100,000	N/A
Chesterfield County	N/A	\$241,424**
Craig County	N/A	\$15,000
Dickenson County	\$25,000	\$168,000
Fairfax City	\$600,000	\$24,490
Fairfax County	\$4,015,485	\$2,950,000*****
Floyd County	N/A	\$145,000
Franklin County	N/A	\$30,000
Fredericksburg City	N/A	\$10,000
Galax City	\$25,000	\$53,000
Henry County	N/A	\$222,500
Herndon, Town of	\$8,000	\$4,000
Highland County	N/A	\$13,500
King George County	N/A	\$170,000
Loudoun County	N/A	\$110,000
Martinsville City	\$77,500	N/A
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$300,000*
Montgomery County	\$20,000	N/A
Patrick County	N/A	\$105,000
Pittsylvania County	N/A	\$125,000
Prince William County	\$55,000	\$61,000
Roanoke County	N/A	\$74,084****
Roanoke City	N/A	\$45,000
Rockbridge County	\$18,000	\$155,000
Salem City	\$57,000	\$22,055
Vinton, Town of	N/A	\$1,500
Warren County	N/A	\$65,000
York County	\$170,200	\$1,000
Total	\$17,002,050	\$16,661,498

*Includes VDOT estimates

**Includes damages submitted from the Virginia State Police (\$241,424)

***Includes damages submitted from the Dept of Forestry (\$341,000)

****Includes damages submitted from Department of Mental Health (\$5,714 - Catawba Hospital)

*****Includes damages submitted from the Town of Clifton (\$30,000)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management is working to add Botetourt, Craig, Floyd and Henry Counties to the disaster declaration for the Public Assistance Program. All pertinent information is being forwarded to President Bush.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management and Fairfax County Officials participated in a community meeting on 12 July with residents of the Huntington Community of Fairfax County that were impacted by flooding. In response to a FEMA request, Virginia Department of Emergency Management and County staff are collecting damage information from residents to supplement data collected during the County's damage assessments. Virginia Department of Emergency Management staff is onsite at the Huntington Community Service Center to assist with data collection and other recovery activities.

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Local governments continue to update IDA as more information becomes available. All dollar amounts given are the best available information at this time.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) damages assessed at \$6,094,900. This amount is not eligible for FEMA reimbursement.

Private/Non-profit organizations (electric cooperatives) have reported damage assessments of \$64,891 with additional reports still pending.

Joint federal/state/local preliminary damage assessments teams have captured damage assessment information throughout Virginia and the data have been passed to FEMA for their review and assessment.

FEMA has identified a site at 4800 Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, for the Joint Field Office.

Officials from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, headed by State Coordinator Michael Cline, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Management Team, headed by Federal Coordinating Officer Gracia Szczech, met on 17 July in Richmond to coordinate the opening of the Joint Field Office. Initial State/Federal Management Team meeting was held at the Virginia Emergency Operations Center on 18 July. The Joint Field Office will open with an "All Hands" meeting at 1100 hours 19 July.

Commonwealth Community Relations teams will deploy on 19 July to the declared local governments to brief local officials in the recovery process relative to the Public Assistance Program.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES:

Localities continue to assess damages and report losses to the VEOC.

Fairfax County submitted information for the Town of Clifton on 18 July indicating \$30,000 (Public) for damage sustained during the severe weather/flooding 25 June.

The City of Fairfax submitted an updated Initial Damage Assessment on 14 July of \$24,490 (Public) for damage sustained during the severe weather/flooding 25 June.

Bath County submitted an Initial Damage Assessment on 17 July of \$343,800 (Private) for damage sustained during the severe weather/flooding 25 June.

The City of Alexandria submitted an additional Initial Damage Assessment on 7 July of \$165,000 (Private) and \$13,000 (Public) for windstorm damage sustained during the 2 July through 4 July high winds.

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